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SUBJECT: PLANNING FOR NEXT GCC+2 MINISTERIAL

REF: A. A) 2/15/08 STEINFELD-BELOOSHI TELCON

[B](#). B) 2/26/08 STEINFELD-ERELI EMAIL

Classified By: Ambassador Adam ErelI for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

- [1](#). (C) Bahrain's Foreign Minister Sheikh Khalid bin Abdullah al Khalifa called in the Ambassador on February 18 to make a strong plea on behalf of Bahrain.
- 2.(C) Sheikh Khalid noted that it was the USG's desire to convene Ministerial prior to the Arab League Summit and that while it was unfortunate that the summit was postponed, the USG would still support the summit.
- [3](#). (C) "The King wants this to happen," Sheikh Khalid said. "Just tell us what dates work, and we will accommodate you." Ambassador mentioned that the USG would support the summit.
- [4](#). (C) Comment: Bahrain's senior leadership is clearly eager to host the GCC 2 ministerial and Sheikh Khalid is personally invested in its success.